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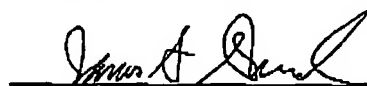
REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated September 20, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 20, 2004. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is requested.

In this Office Action, the Examiner withdrew his previous objections and rejections with one exception. The Examiner maintained the rejection over *Wang*, U.S. Patent 6,175,922, stating that it is different from the Serial No. 09/260,384 over which the applicant argued. However, review of the record on the face of the '922 patent clearly establishes that the '922 patent application was filed on March 13, 2000, which is after the filing date of the parent application 09/260,384 filed March 2, 1999 of the present application (see present application paragraph [0001]). Support for claims 1-12 is found in the parent '384 application at page 10, line 6-page 20, line 25. Therefore, all claims are entitled to benefit of a March 2, 1999 filing date. In view of this clear chain of antecedent support for the pending claims in the application, the reliance on the *Wang* patent now cited by the Examiner must be withdrawn; allowance of claims 1-12 is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has further issues with regard to allowability of the present application, he is respectfully asked to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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